in the North Eastern Region so as to remove existing inadequacies in the maintenance of valuable records as also to facilitate historical research in that region. The National Archives of India had then sought the assistance of the Council in locating a suitable building for the proposed centre.

The National Archives of India has also addressed a letter to the Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya seeking his comments on the proposal. But there has not been any response so far.

5.2.9.2.7
Microfilming of the records in the Shankaracharya Mutt at Sringeri, Karnataka.

Resolution by Dr. Suryanath Kamath:

Resolved that the National Archives of India be requested to complete the work of microfilming the records in the Shankaracharya Mutt at Sringeri, Karnataka.

Explanatory Note: In accordance with the Resolution passed at the 40th and 41st (Resolution-VIII) Sessions of the Indian Historical Records Commission, the National Archives of India microfilmed 314 kaditas housed in the Sringeri Mutt. These records throw light on the relations of the Mutt with Mysore, the Nizam, the Marathas and other dynasties of the times, and also on the religious, social and economic conditions during the last two centuries and thereof of national importance.

However many more records which had not been fully examined earlier have now been examined and a list of the records has been prepared. Hence the records should be microfilmed by the National Archives of India and be made

available to research scholars. Opportunity may also be availed by the microfilm unit of National Archives of India to microfilm the records of the Parthagali Math in Goa during its visit to Sringeri.

Standing Committee's Views:

There are a number of Kadatas and Nirupas available with the Sringeri Math, Sringeri, Karnataka which contain useful information about the political, social and economic history of the region covering the last 1250 years or more. These were inspected during 1972 by Professor G.S. Dikshit of Karnataka University, the then Director of Archives, National Archives of India and the Special Officer, State Archives, Karnataka. Earlier during 1970, the Rajyapal of Karnataka had also recommended to the Government of India for the microfilming of these records. In 1974 the mobile microfilm unit of the National Archives of India was sent to Sringeri Math for microfilming the records of the Math. The unit microfilmed all those records which were selected and listed by the State Archives. This job involved preparation of 13,665 exposures running into 20 rolls.

The National Archives of India may consider microfilming of the remaining records as and when such request is received from the State Archives.

5.2.9.2.8
Access to Records

Resolution by Shri J.K. Jain:

Resolved that a system of sliding scale to open records which have attained the age of thirty years may be accepted by the various archives of the country.